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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
OSAMU YAMADA ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Known
Application No.: 09/420,772) : Group Art Unit: 2721
Filed: October 19, 1999) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING) :
APPARATUS AND METHOD,) :
AND RECORDING MEDIUM) : March 21, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/255,866	02/23/99	2721
09/304,686	05/04/99	2852
09/337,548	06/22/99	2721
09/420,775	10/19/99	2721

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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